VICTORIA VOICE

STOP WASTING MONEY ON THE MBTI

Unfortunately, businesses, government agencies and educational institutions still use the MBTI test despite how unreliable it is. The Myers-Briggs Type Indicator is a personality test that is based on 93 questions. After you complete it, you are placed into one of the 16 different personality types. The are introverts, extroverts, sensors, intuitors, thinkers, feelers, judgers, and perceivers. Catherine Cook Briggs and Isabel Briggs Myers began developing the test back in the 1940s based on Carl Jung's Typological Theory of Personality. But the problem though, is that his theory was outdated, as it was created in the 1920s. Carl Jung himself realized that most people did not truly fit into one category or another.

The MBTI type descriptions are a great example of the Barnum Effect. The Barnum Effect, as defined by Google, is 'the the tendency to accept certain information as true, even when the information is so vague that it is nearly worthless.' The reliability of MBTI is horrible and studies that endorse the test are often very weak or unscientific. Even worse, a study by the Consulting Psychology Journal in 2006 showed that when participants retook the test, 50% received a different type just only 5 weeks later. This goes to show that we cannot use the MBTI test as a way to predict the right people for the right job, or a way to predict a person's performance in something. Catherine Briggs and Isabel Myers were never formally trained in psychology.

But since CPP has taken the test into their hands as the exclusive publisher in 1975, its popularity has grown massively. The website claims that the test is 'Reliable and valid, backed by ongoing global research and development investment' and that it's 'Used by 89 of Fortune 100 companies'. Roughly 2 million people take the MBTI test each year, and CPP earns an estimated 20 million annually. We have got to stop using this outdated test. It has about as much scientific validity as your astrological sign. Instead, use it as entertainment and spend your money on something more worthwhile.

-Kaylee Luong

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Monday, October 16
- Dance Students (Grades 7-12) – meet in the Theatre at 12:20 p.m. for the Joshua
- Beamish Keynote
- Running Club Practice (Elementary and Junior High) – at Lunch in the North Gym
- Junior High Junior Girls Volleyball Practice - 3:30 – 4:30 p.m. in the North Gym
- Senior Girls Volleyball Practice – 3:30 – 5:00 p.m. in the South Gym
- Junior High Senior Girls Volleyball Game – VIC v. Londonderry, 4:15 – 5:15 p.m. –
- 7104 – 144 Avenue N.W., Edmonton

Tuesday, October 17
- Advanced Instrumental Jazz Ensemble – 3:30 – 5:00 p.m.
- Junior High Senior Girls Volleyball Game – VIC v. Steele Heights, 4:15 – 5:15 p.m. – 14607 – 59 Street N.W. Edmonton
- Parent Council/Victoria Art Society Meeting – 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. – North Cafeteria

Wednesday, October 18
- Smudge Ceremony (Morning) – 8:30 a.m. in Room 1121
- Intermediate Instrumental Jazz Ensemble – 11:40 – 12:10 p.m. in Room 1258
- Running Club Practice (Elementary and Junior High) – at Lunch in the North Gym
- Junior High Junior Girls Volleyball Practice - 3:30 – 4:30 p.m. in the North Gym
- Senior Girls Volleyball Game – VIC @ W.P. Wagner - 5:00 – 6:30 p.m., 6310 Wagner
- Road, Edmonton

Thursday, October 19
- Junior High Junior Girls Volleyball Practice – 7:00 – 8:15 a.m. in the South Gym
- Smudge Ceremony (Morning) – 8:30 a.m. in Room 1121
- Advanced Instrumental Jazz Ensemble – 11:40 – 12:10 p.m. in Room 1258
- Elementary Hot Lunch
- High School Leadership at lunch in the Basement Multi-Purpose Room
- Junior High Senior Girls Volleyball Tournament @ Jasper Place High School,
- 8950 – 163 Street, Edmonton
- Secondary Conferences – 4:00- 6:00 p.m.

No school Friday, October 20

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Word Of The Week

bibliopole

bib·li·o·pole

noun

a person who buys and sells books, especially rare ones

-Kaylee Luong

Movie Review

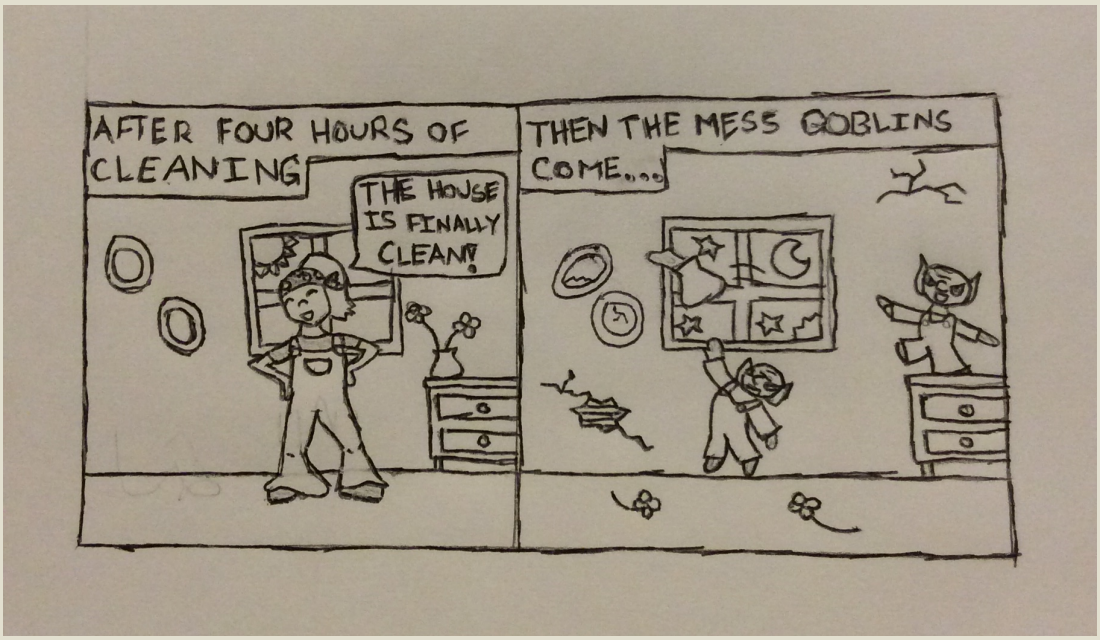
Middle School The Worst Years of my Life

This PG Rated movie was about a boy named Rafe (Griffin Gluck) going to a middle school. It was a very awful experience, and had a principal obsessed with getting good averages on standardized tests (Andy Daly). He was going to that school because he was kicked out of all his previous schools due to behaviour. Once the principal did the unthinkable, and took away his drawing book and then proceeded to destroy it, he decides to get revenge by breaking every rule in the school in his own artsy unique way.

I would give this movie a 7/10, because it is very well put together, and the jokes worked well most of the time. Some of the problems I've had with this movie is that some parts of it were unbelievable, and some were confusing. I also think that this is not a good movie for very young kids, as it shows bad habits, but I think that it is very enjoyable and great for a family movie night. On Rotten Tomatoes, this movie received 56%. Some people on Rotten Tomatoes disliked it because they said it wasn't very imaginative and poorly directed. Please go to Rotten Tomatoes to see more. This movie also contains death, so I wouldn't recommend it for very young viewers. Overall, this was a very OK movie, and I would recommend it to people that like comedies for the whole family.

-Mira Lanoil

Comic



-Emily Marsden

Halloween Trivia

How much money is spent on Halloween Costumes per year?

A. 130 million

B. 1.5 billion

C. 5.5 million

D. 950 million

Answer: 1.5 Billion

The Science Corner- Crystal Snowflake

Do you love science? Check out this area every week for a new science experiment!

You Will Need:

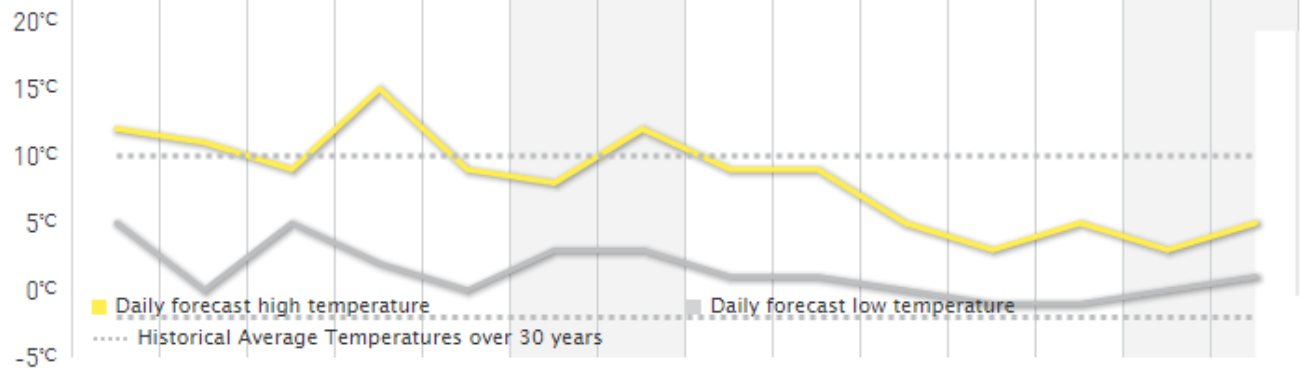
- String
- Wide mouth jar
- White pipe cleaners
- Blue food coloring (optional)
- Boiling water (take care or better still get an adult to help)
- Borax
- Small wooden rod or pencil

Method:

1. Grab a white pipe cleaner and cut it into three sections of the same size. Twist these sections together in the center so that you now have a shape that looks something like a six-sided star. Make sure the points of your shape are even by trimming them to the same length.
2. Take the top of one of the pipe cleaners and attach another piece of string to it. Tie the opposite end to your small wooden rod or pencil. You will use this to hang your completed snowflake.
3. Carefully fill the jar with boiling water (you might want to get an adult to help with this part).
4. For each cup of water add three tablespoons of borax, adding one tablespoon at a time. Stir until the mixture is dissolved but don't worry if some of the borax settles at the base of the jar.
5. Add some of the optional blue food coloring if you'd like to give your snowflake a nice bluish tinges.
6. Put the pipe cleaner snowflake into the jar so that the small wooden rod or pencil is resting on the edge of the jar and the snowflake is sitting freely in the borax solution.
7. Leave the snowflake overnight and when you return in the morning you will find the snowflake covered in crystals! It makes a great decoration that you can show your friends or hang somewhere in your house.

The Weather

	Mon Oct 16	Tue Oct 17	Wed Oct 18	Thu Oct 19	Fri Oct 20	Sat Oct 21	Sun Oct 22	Mon Oct 23	Tue Oct 24	Wed Oct 25	Thu Oct 26	Fri Oct 27	Sat Oct 28	Sun Oct 29
Day	12°C	11°C	9°C	15°C	9°C	8°C	12°C	9°C	9°C	5°C	3°C	5°C	3°C	5°C
Night	5°C	0°C	5°C	2°C	0°C	3°C	3°C	1°C	1°C	0°C	-1°C	-1°C	0°C	1°C
POP	20%	40%	30%	20%	40%	20%	20%	20%	20%	10%	30%	60%	60%	10%
Rain	-	~1 mm	-	-	<1 mm	-	-	<1 mm	-	-	-	<1 mm	-	<1 mm
Snow	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1-3 cm	<1 cm	-



Whoa! We have some nice temperatures this week, but they sink down again.

Weekend Weather

	Fri (NIGHT) Oct 20	Sat (DAY) Oct 21	Sat (NIGHT) Oct 21	Sun (DAY) Oct 22	Sun (NIGHT) Oct 22
	Partly cloudy	Sunny	Partly cloudy	Mainly sunny	Mainly clear
	0°C	8°C	3°C	12°C	3°C
POP	30%	20%	20%	20%	20%